

## REMARKS

Claims 1-104 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action with claims 43-84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104 being withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 7, 13, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 99, and 101 were rejected as being anticipated and/or obvious over cited prior art. Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-42, and 97 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this response applicant has amended claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15-18, 22, 26, 29-32, 39-42, 43 (withdrawn) 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, and 103 and has cancelled claim 1, 8, 14, 28, and 38. Specifically, applicant has amended claim 2 so as to be in independent form and to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. The other claims have been cancelled or amended so as to comport with the amendment to claim 2. As such, applicant submits that the claim amendments do not introduce new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

As discussed above, claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. As such, applicant submits that claim 2 is now allowable for the same reasons that claim 2 was held in the Office Action to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7, 13, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 99, and 101 depend from claim 2 and thus incorporate the limitations thereof. As such, applicant submits that claims 7, 13, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 99, and 101 are allowable for at least the reasons that claim 2 is now allowable.

No other objections or rejections are set forth in the Office Action. In view of the forgoing, claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-27, 29-37 and 39-104 are pending in the application with claims 43-84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104 being withdrawn from consideration.

Because claim 2 is now allowable and all of withdrawn claims 43-84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104 depend from claim 2, applicant respectfully requests that withdrawn claims 43-84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104 be entered back into the present application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.141 and allowed.

Applicant notes that this response does not discuss every reason why the claims of the present application are distinguished over the cited prior art. Most notably, applicant submits that many if not all of the dependent claims are independently distinguishable over the cited prior art. Applicant has merely submitted those arguments which it considers sufficient to clearly distinguish the claims over the cited prior art.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-27, 29-37 and 39-104 as amended and presented herein.

In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

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